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Dear Ms Chu,

Stamp Duty Ordinance (Cap. 117) ("the Ordinance")

As you may be aware, the Financial Secretary has just proposed to amend the Ordinance to increase the maximum property value to which the fixed stamp duty of \$100 applies. The rate of stamp duty on transactions of properties with a value between \$3 million and \$4 million will be reduced from 1.5 per cent to a fixed amount of \$100, which is the same level of stamp duty as for properties with a value at or below \$3 million. Unless otherwise provided, the new value bands will be applicable to any instrument executed **on 26 February 2025 or thereafter** for the sale and purchase or transfer of residential or non-residential property that is chargeable to ad valorem stamp duty (AVD). The relevant amendment bill to take forward the proposed adjustment, namely the Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2025 (the Bill), will be introduced into the Legislative Council (LegCo) shortly.

To give full force and effect of law to the Bill before its enactment, the Chief Executive has made the Public Revenue Protection (Stamp Duty) Order 2025 (the Order) under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance (Cap. 120). The Order will be in force for a maximum of four months starting from 26 February 2025. With the Order to give effect to the Bill, the new value bands will be applicable to any instrument for residential or non-residential property transaction executed on 26 February 2025 or thereafter that is chargeable with AVD immediately pending the scrutiny of the Bill by the LegCo. The Government aims to have the Bill passed by the LegCo before the Order ceases to have effect from 26 June 2025.

For more detailed information about the proposed new value bands under the Bill and the Order, you and your Members are welcome to visit our website (www.ird.gov.hk) on the Frequently Asked Questions of AVD – Scale 1 and Scale 2. If you have any further enquiries, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 2594 3162.

Yours sincerely,

(TSE Chi-keung) for Collector of Stamp Revenue